

**BOARD OF ENGINEERS
OF
WESTERLY FIRE DISTRICT
180 BEACH ST.
WESTERLY, RI 02891
JUNE 9, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by Chief Mackay at 7:09 pm. Asst. Chief Morrone was absent.

Motion made by Asst. Chief Trebisacci, seconded by Asst. Chief Fusaro to accept the minutes of the May 19, 2015 meeting. Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

Motion made by Asst. Chief Trebisacci, seconded by Asst. Chief Fusaro to pay all bills. Motion passed unanimously, 3-0. The following bills were paid:

EZ Waste Systems Inc. 402	95.00
Mastro Electric 402	79.50
Unifirst 402	42.77
AT&T 403	41.44
Verizon Wireless 403	330.27
National Grid 404	506.63
National Grid 405	80.10
National Grid 406	55.82
McQuade's Ace 407	27.38
National Grid 408	85.60

Ginger's Service Station 501	440.02	
Ginger's Service Station 502	800.85	
Ginger's Car Wash 504	14.00	
Good Earth Products Inc. 504	517.99	
Ocean State Truck & Diesel 504	1,381.06	
Paul Cornelius 504	350.00	
Westerly Auto Parts 504	339.85	
Westerly Packing 801	57.99	
FedEx 1201	66.52	
Globe Manufacturing Company 1201	37.52	
Insurance Restoration Specialists Inc. 1201		30.00
Lenihan Appraisal Company 1400	1,200.00	
FedEx 1500	100.76	
Vision Government Solutions 1500	1,900.00	
Westerly Postmaster 1500	98.00	
Cox Business 1700	24.78	
Coast to Coast Solutions 1800	209.71	
EZ Midway Liquors 1800	44.91	
Foremost Promotions 1800	182.42	
Ginger's Service Station 1800	12.32	
Signs of Fire 1800	117.50	
Stillman Uniforms 3000	430.00	
Westerly Yacht Club 9000	2,223.40	
Decon Payments 5-21-15 9400	1,020.00	
Globalstar 9400	55.08	

Asst. Chief Trebisacci reported Decon Training will be suspended for the summer. A joint drill with Hope Valley Fire Department Hazmat team may be scheduled for the summer.

Asst. Chief Trebisacci reported he would be finalizing the quarterly reports for the state on the Decon Team.

Asst. Chief Trebisacci requested if any update had been received from the Westerly Hospital about their Decon preparedness. Chief Mackay will contact the Hospital.

Asst. Chief Fusaro advised the Board the Rhode Island Steam Fire Engine Co. #1 had asked to use the Adult Day Care building for training. Training was approved by Westerly Hospital and will take place on June 16.

Asst. Chief Fusaro reported the houses on Franklin St. would be available by next week.

Asst. Chief Fusaro reported he would be forwarding three dates to the Rhode Island Fire Academy in the fall. One of these days would be a Saturday.

Asst. Chief Fusaro asked the status of the Charter Revision Committee meeting. Chief Mackay would be forwarding dates.

Asst. Chief Fusaro stated he could not attend the Salary Review Committee meeting. He stated the time is difficult for those who work during the day to attend. He asked for future meetings to be scheduled in the evening. He also recommended to the Board they ask for no double digit raises for any employees. Asst. Chief Trebisacci stated he would like to see a uniform set of raises for all if the committee so decides. Chief Mackay would pass along the recommendations.

Asst. Chief Fusaro requested that any requests for Westerly Fire Department apparatus be made formally to the department and not through a third party. He also asked that frontline apparatus be used only as a last resort with specialized apparatus (i.e. ladder truck or WT-3 not be sent). He felt this would avoid the confusion experienced with the last event in New London, CT.

Asst. Chief Fusaro voiced concerns about the way the Rehab SOG from the Westerly Ambulance Corps. He provided Board members with documents from the Connecticut Office of Emergency Medical Services. He requested Chief Mackay inquire as to what other RI Departments are doing and whether the Westerly Ambulance has run their Rehab SOG by Medical Control.

Chief Mackay reported the Sheena McGurn will be leaving as Tax Office Secretary at the end of August. She would be available for

consultation after that if needed. Chief Mackay received an opinion from Solicitor Lynch that she could be paid as a consultant.

Chief Mackay reported on a recommendation from VFIS and our auditors that all purchases above \$5000.00 have two signatures. Personnel in the Treasurer's office feel this can be easily done.

Chief Mackay reported he would be purchasing radios for the Westerly Fire Police.

Chief Mackay reported the price for a new SCBA was \$5,195.00 with bottle an additional \$970.00 for a total of \$6,165.00. Masks were priced at \$250.00 each. He estimated we could purchase 5 air packs with bottles and 40 masks for \$40,825.00. He would like to wait for Asst. Chief Morrone to present the plan on replacing them on the vehicles.

Chief Mackay asked the Board's pleasure with the fence at Station 1. It is beginning to peel and looks bad. It also presented issues with snow removal. It was the consensus of the Board to remove the fence.

Chief Mackay reported the old copier would be brought to Station 2 and used until the new toner cartridge was used up then it would be disposed of.

Chief Mackay reported District Moderator Potter and District Clerk

Mansfield both expressed willingness to serve out their terms.

Chief Mackay presented the Board with a quote from Diversified Testing to complete testing of all department ladders. The quote was for \$1,462.00. Motion made by Asst. Chief Fusaro, seconded by Asst. Chief Trebisacci to hire Diversified Testing to complete our ladder testing. Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

Chief Mackay presented a quote from Waterway Hose testing to do our hose testing. They were \$.25 a foot of hose, two cents cheaper than Failsafe. Motion made by Asst. Chief Trebisacci, seconded by Asst. Chief Fusaro to hire Waterway to complete hose testing at \$.25 a foot. Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

Chief Mackay reported by eliminating the Tax Office Secretary, Tax Collector and rent of Office space the district could realize approximately \$66,000.00.

Chief Mackay asked members if they had any problems with the Tobacco policy. There were none. Motion made by Asst. Chief Trebisacci, seconded by Asst. Chief Fusaro to accept the Tobacco policy. Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

Chief Mackay reported he spoke to Chief Kevin Burns of the Pawcatuck Fire District in reference to their set up for tax collection. He was given a copy of their manual which he would copy and place

in our mailboxes. He and Secretary Cynthia Gaccione would visit with Chief Burns and the Tax Secretary in Pawcatuck to view their operation this week.

Money Collected by the district:

Smoke Inspections 275.00

Agenda for the next meeting

Reading of the Minutes of the last meeting

Bills for the evening

Any Business properly brought before the Board

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

2nd Assistant Chief Joseph Fusaro